

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A cosmetic preparation comprising a water-containing powder composition and at least cosmetically acceptable ingredient wherein the water-containing powder composition comprises aqueous gel cores-coated with hydrophobic particles, which are obtained by gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant and mixing the aqueous gel cores with hydrophobic particles to coat the aqueous gel cores, and

wherein the water-soluble gellant is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate; and

wherein the hydrophobic particles are prepared by treating the surface of a hydrophilic powder with one or more hydrophobicizing agents.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method of applying makeup, comprising applying a makeup comprising water-containing powder composition to the skin and applying pressure to cause water to release from said composition, wherein the water-containing powder composition comprises aqueous gel cores, obtained by gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant, coated with hydrophobic particles, wherein the water-soluble gellant is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate; and wherein the hydrophobic particles are prepared by treating the surface of a hydrophilic powder with one or more hydrophobicizing agents.

Claims 10-22 (Cancelled).

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 8, wherein the aqueous gel cores are obtained by gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant, which is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate, and freeze-shattering the gel.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 23, wherein the hydrophobic particles have a particle diameter of  $1/10$  or less of the particle diameter of the aqueous gel cores.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 23, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 24, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 8, wherein the hydrophobic particles have a particle diameter of  $1/10$  or less of the particle diameter of the aqueous gel cores.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 27, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 9, wherein the aqueous gel cores are obtained by gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant, which is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate, and freeze-shattering the gel.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 29, wherein the hydrophobic particles have a particle diameter of  $1/10$  or less of the particle diameter of the aqueous gel cores.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 29, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 30, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 9, wherein the hydrophobic particles have a particle diameter of 1/10 or less of the particle diameter of the aqueous gel cores.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 33, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): A process for manufacturing the cosmetic preparation of Claim 8, comprising mixing a water-containing powder composition comprising gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant, which is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate, to form aqueous gel cores, and coating the aqueous gel cores with hydrophobic particles; and adding at least one cosmetically acceptable ingredient.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The process for manufacturing the water-containing powder composition of claim 35, wherein the aqueous phase ingredient are gelled with a water-soluble gellant and formed into powdered aqueous gel cores by freeze-shattering.

Claim 37 (New): The cosmetic preparation of claim 8, wherein the hydrophobicizing agent is one or more of a trimethylsilylization agent, methylhydrodiene polysiloxane, perfluoropolyether alkyl phosphate, perfluoropolyether silane, metallic soaps, and oil agents.

Claim 38 (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the hydrophobicizing agent is one or more of a trimethylsilylization agent, methylhydrodiene polysiloxane, perfluoropolyether alkyl phosphate, perfluoropolyether silane, metallic soaps, and oil agents.

Claim 39 (New) The cosmetic preparation of claim 8, wherein the hydrophilic particle is titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, silicic acid anhydride, aluminum oxide, magnesium oxide, zirconium oxide, magnesium carbonate, calcium carbonate, aluminum silicate, magnesium silicate, magnesium aluminum silicate, mica, synthetic mica, synthetic sericite, sericite, talc, silicon carbide, barium sulfate, boron nitride, bismuth oxychloride, mica titanium, silk powder, starch, cellulose crystal, mica titanium coated with titanium oxide powder, zinc oxide powder, or barium sulfate.

Claim 40 (new) The method of claim 9, wherein the hydrophilic particle is titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, silicic acid anhydride, aluminum oxide, magnesium oxide, zirconium oxide, magnesium carbonate, calcium carbonate, aluminum silicate, magnesium silicate, magnesium aluminum silicate, mica, synthetic mica, synthetic sericite, sericite, talc, silicon carbide, barium sulfate, boron nitride, bismuth oxychloride, mica titanium, silk powder, starch, cellulose crystal, mica titanium coated with titanium oxide powder, zinc oxide powder, or barium sulfate.